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Photo by Warren Riley

Stephen Roome competes on Head Lake in the Sharpley Source for Sports Open wakeboarding competition on July 6. See story and photos on pages 20 and 21.

Lake association stops Hydro herbicide

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

After meeting with representatives of the Redstone Lake Cottagers' Association (RLCA), Hydro One will not be spraying the herbicide Garlon RTU in the Redstone Lake area.

"It wasn't a confrontational meeting," said Harvey Bates, president of the RLCA. "They're very attentive to listening, they're

concerned about the position we're taking and they're very understanding."

In a notice recently sent to property owners in the Redstone Lake area, Hydro One stated that foresters would be removing brush and trimming or removing trees in areas that have the potential to interfere with the electricity transmission line adjacent to properties.

In areas that couldn't be pruned, a "low volume" herbicide known as Garlon RTU would be "selectively applied to control the

suckering from the stumps and stems of cut trees and brush."

According to the notice, Garlon RTU is a federally and provincially accepted herbicide used in Ontario.

"Hydro One staff are trained and experienced in the latest arboricultural practices and applicators licensed by the Ministry of the Environment will perform the work," stated the notice. "Hydro One will only selectively apply Garlon RTU with

permission of the landowner."

Hydro One began hearing from concerned residents after the lake association sent out an e-mail blast to the membership, said Bates.

"Hydro had very few complaints from people who didn't want their property sprayed, so they were going to go ahead with it. Once we got it out to our

See "Hydro" on page 10

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Canoe FM donates bingo funds to 4Cs and Minden Food Bank

Haliburton County's food banks didn't have to call Bingo to come out as winners. Both the Minden Food Bank and the 4Cs in Haliburton received \$850 donations from Canoe FM on July 5 from the radio station's Bingo proceeds. Pictured above from left are Canoe FM volunteer Mark Tomlinson; Roxanne Casey, station manager; Barbara Walford-Davis, Minden Food Bank; Malcolm MacLean, station president; Judy MacDuff, 4Cs of Haliburton; Brian Daoust, station volunteer; and Case Bassie, station volunteer.

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Highlander news

Minden Flood Relief hits half million mark

By Adam Kingsmith
Contributing writer

The Township of Minden Hills Disaster Relief Committee (DRC) has reached a big fundraising milestone. As of this week, the DRC has raised over \$500,000 for flood relief efforts in the community.

"I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the local community and the surrounding areas," said Jack Brezina, fundraising coordinator of the DRC. "To do it in just over a month and a bit is fantastic."

"I find it incredible that we were able to reach the milestone in such a short amount of time, especially considering many other communities have just started fundraising," noted Jeanne Anthon, president of the DRC. "The generosity from the local community and beyond has been inspiring."

By way of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP), the province has agreed to match the money raised by the DRC at a ratio of up to two to one in order to help those with essential

flood-related damages not covered by insurance.

Under ODRAP, claimants are expected to pay for repairs up front and will be reimbursed once they submit receipts detailing all the work done – up to 90 per cent of crucial appliances and furnishings will be covered, as well as essential tools for damaged businesses.

However, applicants who qualify for emergency advanced funding can receive up to \$1,000 – money later subtracted from applicants' final payouts, to help with proactive repair costs. What's more, the DRC has also secured interim funding – money that will be made available to flood victims before fundraising is completed.

According to Anthon, the next milestone is getting in all the funding applications by the end of July. Any questions regarding this process should be directed towards the DRC's project manager, John Rogers, who can be reached at the Township of Minden Hills' municipal office.

Head-on collision injures five

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

A head-on collision on County Road 503 has left five people in hospital, two of which remain in critical condition as of press time.

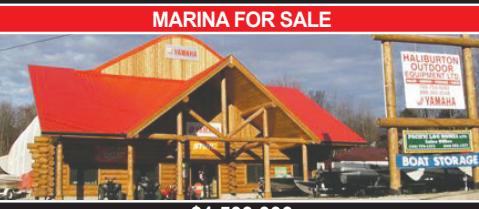
The vehicle collision occurred on July 8 at approximately 4:27 p.m. near MacDuff Road in the Municipality of Highlands East, just west of Tory Hill, according to an OPP press release.

The report states a silver Toyota Camry with four occupants was eastbound on 503 when it crossed the centre line and collided with a red Hyundai Elantra containing one occupant. The Camry

contained two children.

The five occupants were transported to the hospital in Haliburton before being transferred to both Kingston and Toronto area hospitals. The injuries range from serious to life-threatening, although it is unclear from the report who received what injuries. Names have not been released at this time.

County Road 503 was closed at MacDuff road for several hours while the OPP Technical Traffic Collision Investigators conducted their investigation. The OPP are asking for any witnesses to the incident to contact Constable T. Negus at the Haliburton Highlands detachment at 705-286-1431.

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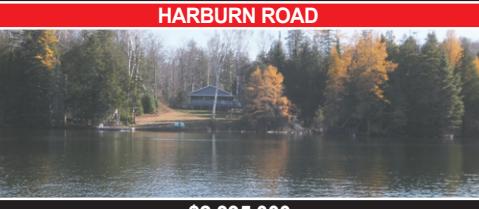
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Editorial opinion

Safer on the firing range

I went to the shooting range a few weeks ago to fire off a few rounds with some friends.

While I was there, the range marshal kept close watch on me to make sure my firearm was always pointed downrange, that I never crossed the firing line, and that my finger was always off the trigger when I wasn't ready to fire.

If you've never been, a firing range isn't a place to frolic with buddies. You don't bring beer and run amok with guns in hand. There are very strict rules in place – not just to protect you but to protect everyone on the range.

Guns are very dangerous in the hands of someone who is irresponsible or inattentive, but I've yet to meet a gun owner at the range who violates these rules. In fact, when the marshal issues a command, response is immediate.

That's because shooters understand that firing a gun is serious business and the minute you take it for granted, you could lose a toe – or worse.

The consequences of misusing a car are just as serious, and yet good driving isn't treated with nearly the same respect.

As at the firing range, there are rules of the road that are designed to keep drivers, passengers, cyclists, and pedestrians safe. Unlike at the firing range, many seem not to care.

Earlier this week, one of our staff members was driving into the office. As he crested a hill, a truck was attempting to pass a slower vehicle and was quickly speeding towards him. Instead of braking to get back in his own lane, the driver accelerated, forcing our staff member onto the shoulder of the road and nearly putting him in the ditch.

All that to get to their destination two minutes sooner.

Is it worth the risk? Of all the outcomes, likely the best case scenario played out that morning. Other scenarios include a head-on collision, a vehicle ending up in the ditch, possible injuries, and even death. All because one driver couldn't be bothered to adhere to the rules of the road – rules designed to keep everyone safe – including not passing on a solid line going up a hill.

That same afternoon, in Highlands East, a terrible collision nearly took the lives of five people, including two children. Luckily there haven't been any fatalities as yet, but that could still change as two people remain in critical condition according to the OPP.

While the first scenario was caused by ignorance, this collision was the result of inattentiveness. One vehicle drifted into the oncoming lane – either they didn't notice or didn't think it a big deal – and as they came around the bend they collided head on with another vehicle.

You wouldn't shoot a gun half asleep or drunk; you wouldn't play Russian roulette with a revolver to show your buddies how cool you are; and you sure as heck wouldn't dare ignore the marshal's rules at the range.

If guns deserve that kind of respect, then vehicles deserve the same.

Last year, a pedestrian was killed jogging down Kashagawigamog Lake Road by an inattentive driver.

I feel safer on the range.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Match: squirrel

It was looking to be a perfect evening. The rain had cleared just long enough to dry off the deck chairs and put out a few apps – that's appetizers, not software programs – for the friends who had joined us for dinner. After a couple of drinks, thoughts moved to more substantial sustenance and I wandered over to the barbecue to turn it on, my stomach having pined all day for the juicy, homemade burgers I would be grilling.

Opening the lid, I jumped back, startled.

Two big eyes were staring back at me from inside. They were attached to a little ball of fur, a creature very cute, quite sleepy and clearly not interested in supper.

Beneath the grill, our visitor had built a nest of sorts, a messy agglomeration of insulation (where did that come from?) covered with twigs. We had lost a skirmish in an undeclared housing war; a typical landowner-squatter situation that could not end well.

I had seen our guest before, a year ago, when it (or she, as the nest indicated) had attempted an identical manoeuvre. I had checked out our handy guide to local fauna and discovered it was a flying squirrel, an animal I'd never seen before but which apparently is not uncommon in the Highlands. Though certainly rodents, they are, as I mentioned, very cute, confirming the adage that squirrels are just rats with good PR.

Back then, I had gently lifted the entire nest with a spade and placed it under a tree, hoping the squirrel would amicably relocate and we could get on with our respective lives. She watched me go about the deed, climbing onto the deck rail and jumping off in this amazing glide as her final farewell.

Unfortunately it rained shortly afterwards; she abandoned the nest and I never saw her again. Apparently there was no going back from the luxury of the steel roof and multi-level interior the barbecue had offered. It must be like having a dishwasher; you wonder how you ever got by before.

This time, I was less surprised but more sympathetic. I knew it was unlikely I could

relocate the nest without disrupting our guest's plans for raising a family. And I also knew that the barbecue, now eight years old, was in dire need of replacement.

So, I did the only thing I could do. I closed the lid, and went over to borrow the neighbours' grill. It was a bit inconvenient, but I figured our new friend had more claim to the territory than we had. Indeed, you could say that we are the squatters and she is the more rightful resident. I'll buy a new barbecue and let the squirrel have what must be, by woodland-creature standards, the Taj Mahal of accommodations.

Maybe there's a bigger lesson in all of this. At a time of year when reckless speedboaters terrorize the loons and chainsaws rip through pristine shorelines, as fertilizers leech lake-wards to poison our water, killing the frogs that populate our evenings with song and the fish that enchant every child, we need to remind ourselves that having everything exactly the way we want it is not the goal in life. Dominion over the earth implies the responsibilities of stewardship. As I see our lakes steadily, relentlessly gouged to build monuments to wealth, I wish more people would consider what they're replacing.

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Maybe it would be easier to get down to the lake with a glorious staircase of granite slabs; maybe you'd really enjoy a game of croquet on a nice, green lawn.

Get over it. This is not suburbia. Not even close. Everything you see here, every reason we love to be in the Highlands, relies on the quality of the natural environment. Respect it, care for it, or lose it forever. This is a place to shed the obsessions about perfection and grandiosity — that's what's so great about it.

Sometimes, for the good of the world and your own welfare, you have to let the squirrel win.



By Bram Lebo

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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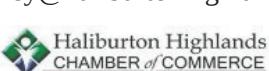
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Letters to the editor

Gooderham says thank you

Dear editor,

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Canada Day celebrations in Gooderham. There was a great turn out for the "Odds and Sods" sale, the horseshoe tournament and the softball game. Car buffs were able to look at some excellent examples of classic vehicles and talk with their owners.

Later in the day, Clara the Clown kept the younger people busy with a variety of interactive activities until The Highlands Trio came on around 7 p.m. Dave, Frank and Mike kept everyone entertained until the fireworks started around 10 p.m. As usual, the Gooderham Station 3 Firefighters put on a BBQ and provided a spectacular fireworks display for the crowd of nearly 2,000 people.

Even though work has already started on how to improve next year's event, it is important to recognize those who were involved with making this year's annual event such a success.

One of the prime sponsors for the last three years has been Heritage Canada. This year, they were able to provide us with the financial assistance of \$1,700. This financial stimulus provides a small town, like Gooderham, with the ability to turn a passable day into an excellent event.

The Gooderham Community Action Group and the Gooderham Station 3 Fire Fighters

are the local groups that drive the event. They provide significant financial assistance and physical bodies to make things happen. Both groups have been key players in growing this event over the last several years and the event would not happen without them.

Each year, there are also individuals who step up and take ownership of key events that make and grow the celebration. Traditionally, we have Ron Barr and Clara The Clown, who seem to be there every year. Newcomers in 2013 include Ken Craig, Sharon Stoughton-Craig, Kaitlyn Hunter, George Simmons, the Kauffeldt Family and the classic cars owners. In addition, we have been approached by new groups and individuals that want to be involved with next year's event. A well-deserved thank you to all who attended and helped with the event.

If you attended our celebration and would like to assist in next year's event, please leave your contact information at any of the Municipality of Highlands East offices. If you would like to support the event financially, please drop your empty liquor and beer containers at the Gooderham Bottle Drive, which is located at the Gooderham Timbre-Mart.

Cec Ryall
Gooderham

Minden Hills staff efforts appreciated

Dear editor,

Canada Day has come and gone with truly glorious results this year and Minden should be very proud of what they have achieved after such a devastating flood just a few weeks ago.

A special thanks has to go out to all the staff who work at the Township of Minden Hills. I noticed that for weeks before July 1 they were working in the town gardens and on the streets from 6 a.m. to dark making sure

everything looked perfect for all our many visitors. The centre of town and the parks always look good, but their special effort really made the place shine.

Congratulations to all the planners, and all the on the ground workers who did such a great job. Sometimes we take things for granted and forget to say job well-done. Thanks!

Marilynne L'Esperance
Minden

Fishing for compliments

There has been an influx of artists to the Haliburton Highlands in recent months, although you may not have noticed for their art is one so ethereal, so fleeting that it dances in the air and then disappears often in an instant.

Some will tell you that this is how it's meant to be, a high art, a moment to aspire to. Others would swear and curse at the difficulty of hitting these top notes, these gravity defying instances.

The art that I speak of is that of fly fishing; the noblest of all pastimes and a sport in which the importance of patience, form and precision is only surpassed by the angler's ability to free himself (or herself) from mundane physical and mental constraints and soar to a place that Buddhists and Yogis call Nirvana. Only then will he cast straight and true, and that said there's still no guarantee of catching a blinkin' fish!

Yes, intrepid readers, the Outsider is a fly fisher. That, many of you already know, but now Haliburton County has a fly fishing club. No, don't go back and re-read the last sentence, you saw it right the first time.

Fly fishing is alive, and by the number of members in said club, it is in rude health here in bass country. While I may have waxed somewhat over-lyrically about my sport of choice at the start of this column, my opulent use of verbiage is matched and so borne out by many a writer, both contemporary and historic.

"Oh sir, doubt not that angling is an art; is it not an art to deceive a trout with an artificial fly?" said Sir Izaak Walton, sometime in the 17th Century.

While a hundred years later, G.S. Marryat described the essentials of a good fly-hook as having: "The temper of an angel and penetration of a prophet; fine enough to be invisible and strong enough to kill a bull in a ten-acre field."

Weighty words indeed and suitably humbling for the aspiring fly fisherman. However, in our new club we have two deadly weapons: a cigarette-smoking Irishman and a short Canadian. These fellows may not immediately sound like the weight that will tip the balance (although neither is short of a few pounds) but when I

Photo of the week



Photo by Debbie Ross

This little moose is caught crossing the road.

Water charge is a money grab

Dear editor,

One of the only two tangible benefits we receive for our taxes is the use of the Minden fire hall taps for our drinking water. The other is we are allowed to take our garbage to the Scotch Line landfill site.

Sure, we also receive police and fire protection but I bet most break and entry suspects are very seldom caught and our cottage would likely be burned near the ground by the time the fire trucks got here.

Now the Township is making us pay by coin machine to obtain our drinking water. This is a terrible, unwise and unfair decision. While change for the machine is available at the municipal office, what about weekends, holidays, and after hours? Many visitors and residents arrive or need water at those times.

I suppose the next money grab will be a fee per bag to bring our garbage to the dump.

T Murray Girt
Sharon Lake

The Outsider



By Will Jones

derogatory quotes about bait fisherman.

Author Janna Bialek says: "Only an extraordinary person would purposely risk being outsmarted by a creature often less than twelve inches long, over and over again."

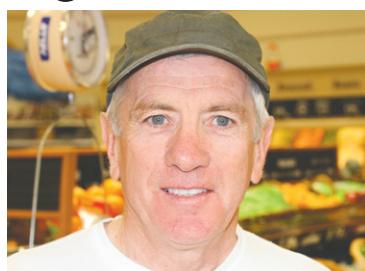
Damn it!

"There is no greater fan of fly fishing than the worm." Thanks for that little gem, Patrick McManus!

I guess I could go mad trying to justify my lofty statements about fly fishing. That said, perhaps I should keep my 'art' to myself (and the other suitably crazy folks at the club) and simply go along with the apt words of a favourite writer of mine, John Gierach, who says: "I think I fish, in part, because it's an anti-social, bohemian business that, when gone about properly, puts you forever outside the mainstream culture without actually landing you in an institution."

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: Have you seen any endangered species in our area?



Jim Smith

Harcourt

Mostly turtles and right by those turtle crossing signs! I have seen some hawks and Bald Eagles and also wild turkeys.

Nancy Brownsberger

Eagle Lake

Just the snapping turtles, wood turtles, and spotted turtles. I am very aware of the other creatures that are endangered or threatened but have not seen them lately.



Shanti Bascombe

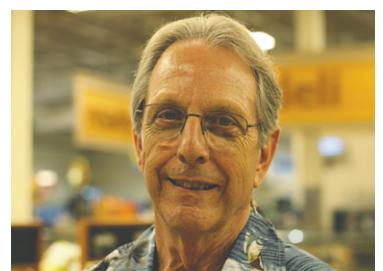
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Yes I have seen snapping turtles. Unfortunately someone ran over one of them. I have not seen any of our endangered snakes for months.

Steve Churko

Haliburton

I have seen several snapping turtles but they are usually dead on the road. I do not imagine anyone doing it deliberately.



Ted Graham

Kennisis Lake

Yes, on Kennisis Lake Road. A snapping turtle about 12 pounds, covered in leeches and we herded her back off the road. We were back past there later and did not see her.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Canoe blasts records with radiothon

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

What would you buy with \$26,585?

While your first thought might be a visit to one of the county's car dealers, a new vehicle isn't topping Canoe FM's wishlist.

On July 5 and 6, 100.9 Canoe FM was broadcasting across the county asking for donations during their 5th Annual Radiothon. Station manager Roxanne Casey said the money they raised would be used on equipment.

"The majority of this money will go towards maintaining the equipment we have or any emergency situations that might happen," she said.

Emergency situations like the two monitors that broke last week, one of which blew in the middle of the Radiothon.

Money will also be used to spearhead a new project that Casey is being vague about. She said details will be announced later in the summer.

Funds were raised during the Radiothon by issuing donation challenges over the radio. For each \$100 donation, the donor received a Canoe FM t-shirt.

They also hosted a silent auction, with

bidders able to see the six auction packages online at madeinhaliburton.ca prior to the radiothon. They could bid online beforehand, or come into the station and bid in person on the day of the auction.

"We had incredible auction packages," Casey said.

One package, a Florida trip donated by Janis Parker, raised \$4,500 alone.

Casey was taken by surprise at how successful the radiothon was.

"We were really humbled," she said. "You just don't think... even the nice cards we were getting with people's money, it's great. The amount of people that came through the building. The nice thing is when they come in and tell you why they listen to you. A lot of people talked about the flood and how they could get information from us."

"I was happy about that."

July 6 also marked the station's 10th anniversary celebration.

"Inside it was the radiothon, outside it was a community anniversary get-together. We invited anyone in the community if they wanted to come help us celebrate."

Local dignitaries were on hand to participate in the day's events, which



Photo by Warren Riley

From left, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, MP Barry Devolin, Canoe FM station manager Roxanne Casey, Canoe FM's Jack Hewitt, on-air host Don Cameron, Haliburton County warden Carol Moffatt and MPP Laurie Scott get ready to enjoy some cupcakes.

included live music from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., free ice cream courtesy of Kawartha Dairy,

mini-putt, a photo board, chalk drawings on the sidewalks, and cupcakes.

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Disaster Relief Committee (DRC)

For residents who have been directly affected by the flood who require assistance with the ODRAP application process or for Financial Assistance inquiries, please contact John Rogers, Project Manager at 705-286-1260 ext. 220 or flood@minden hills.ca

John is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and is located on the first floor of the administration building.

Please note that anyone requiring debris pick up, permit information or other flood related inquiries are asked to please contact the Recovery Coordinator at 705-286-1260 ext. 211.

Upcoming Community Fundraising

July 13

7:30 pm, Canoe FM's Jazz on the 45th Concert. Tickets \$25 each, available at Canoe FM office & Haliburton Museum.

August 3

7:30 pm, After The Flood Concert with Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy & Greg Keelor. Kinmount Fairgrounds. Tickets \$45/pp. Call 705-457-1009 for more information.

Visit www.minden hills.ca for a list of events and for more information

Meetings and Events

July 15

8:30 am, Disaster Relief Committee meeting, Minden Cultural Centre, Common Room

July 22

8:30 am, Disaster Relief Committee meeting, Minden Cultural Centre, Common Room

July 25

9:00 am, CoTW/Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00am)

Request for Tender

TENDERS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF PARKSIDE STREET CONTRACT NO. 13-5629

Tenders, sealed in an envelope which shall be clearly marked as to contents, will be received by the Township of Minden Hills, PO Box 359, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 until 2:00 p.m. local time on 23 July 2013 and will be publicly opened on the same day.

The work consists generally of the reconstruction of roughly 280m of roadway including replacement of storm sewers, concrete sidewalk and gutters, granular backfill and asphalt. Granular material for backfill and road reconstruction will be supplied and delivered to the site by Township forces at no cost to the successful bidder. Successful bidder will be responsible for placement, compaction and grading of granular material as well as all storm sewers, asphalt, and concrete.

Tender documents will be available from the office of the Engineer or Township of Minden Hills for a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 by cash or cheque payable to The Greer Galloway Group Inc.

The Township of Minden Hills reserves the right to reject or refuse any or all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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FOUNDER'S WEEKEND

& FAMILY REUNION

Saturday, July 13th 11 am - 4 pm in the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Common Room and on the Museum Grounds

This new annual event celebrates the first families of Minden and is co-hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group. Each year another family (in no particular order) will be featured. This year we will honour the Stinson family. The event is open to the public with Cultural Centre admission price, and will exhibit information and artifacts relating to the Stinson family and Minden in the late 19th Century. Stinson family members are welcome to come for free.

MINDEN HILLS MUSEUM & PIONEER VILLAGE CURATORIAL TOURS

Wednesdays at 2 pm throughout July & August

The Museum will host a curatorial tour of the museum and the pioneer village every Wednesday at 2pm throughout July and August. The cost is included in the regular daily admission.

CHURCH & RELIGION IN EARLY MINDEN EXHIBITION

May 18th- July 13th at the Minden Hills Museum & Pioneer Village

The current exhibition at the Minden Hills Museum & Pioneer Village looks at the first churches in Minden and the religious practices of our first settlers.

LISTEN TO THE NIGHT: BATS OF ONTARIO EXHIBITION

April 20th- July 13th at Nature's Place

The Royal Ontario Museum travelling exhibition *Listen to the Night: Bats of Ontario* explores the diversity of Ontario species; their hibernation and roosting patterns; their health and conservation and their use of echolocation.

Fire Calendar Winners

July 1

Ethel Robinson and Sue Hewson

July 8

Wolf Weber and Amy Parker

Consumer Survey

Do you have ideas about what products/ services you would like to be able to purchase in Minden? We are interested in hearing from you!

Please provide your input by completing this on-line survey found on our website www.minden hills.ca or go to <http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/u-links/consumer-project>

We need your thoughts so we can help the Minden business community grow.

If you wish to learn more about the project please contact the U-Links office at 705-286-2411.

This project is a partnership between the Township of Minden Hills, U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research, Haliburton County Development Corporation, and Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Did you Know? Municipal Water System

That municipal water and sewer services are self-financing, unlike most municipal services which are paid for through property taxes.

This means that **ONLY** those residents that are on the municipal water system are directly billed for the water they use, as well as their share of the costs of transporting clean water to their homes and carrying wastewater away from their homes for treatment and release back into the environment. Water use is **measured by water meters**.

Notice of Sewer Flushing

Please note that regularly scheduled maintenance sewer flushing will be ongoing for the month of July.

Please contact Ivan Ingram, Environmental & Property Operations Manager at 705-286-1260 ext. 216 or iingram@minden hills.ca for more information.

See pages 9 & 12 for additional ads

Highlander news

Flood puts pressure on non-profits

By Adam Kingsmith
Contributing writer

Every year, dozens of local non-profit organizations rely on the kindness and generosity of both local and seasonal residents in order to meet their funding needs and continue to provide services to communities in the Highlands.

This year's flooding, however, has added another piece to the local fundraising puzzle.

As the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) requires communities to fundraise extensively before the province will make any contributions – Ontario is one of the only provinces with this precondition in place – the Disaster Relief Committee (DRC) has been working diligently since late spring in an attempt to secure that prerequisite funding.

The DRC has announced its fund has reached over \$500,000 in just over a month. With hundreds of thousands in charitable donations being directed towards the DRC's efforts in an attempt to prepare for the ODRAP proposal, to what extent will the Minden flood relief affect the local non-profits in Haliburton County?

"There's no doubt that [flood relief] probably will affect us, and has affected us," said Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker.

"Yet it's not necessarily a finite pie," added

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) CEO Varouj Eskedjian. "In my experiences elsewhere, a large campaign out there does not inevitably diminish what comes in to other organizations. Sometimes fundraising levels can actually rise to meet everyone's needs."

Challenges like this bring people together and really get them thinking about the cause noted Walker.

"Also, the hospital tends to be a focal point in this community."

Eskedjian was confident that both local donors and people hailing from outside of the county who have traditionally given to health services will continue to do so.

"I think people will dig a bit deeper into their pockets for the hospital," he said

Maureen Ruttig, executive director of Community Care Haliburton, agrees.

"I can't see there being any negativity from the flood relief felt in our industry," she said.

Health sits at the top of the priority list, arts are very important too, but sometimes raising money for other less apparent causes such as housing can be much more difficult.

Faye Martin
Place for People president

"The generosity towards healthcare in this community is overwhelming."

Gena Robertson, director of SIRCH Community Services, reiterated Ruttig and Eskedjian's sentiments regarding healthcare.

"People can give to health anytime and feel good about that," she said, adding that the arts won't be forgotten, either. "Festivals and organizations such as the Arts Council will always have patrons where that's their passion, especially in an arts-focused community such as Haliburton County."

Robertson said while she does not think that the flood relief will have a huge impact on other fundraising efforts now, the disaster has raised local awareness concerning the very important

needs in our immediate community, and that might cause people to put more thought into where they give their money in the future.

"I'm hoping we won't be impacted, but we might," said Faye Martin, president

of Places for People. "Our organization subsists on small donations from a number of community members, not large grants."

Although the money raised by the DRC is invaluable for those who have homes and businesses that were damaged by the flooding, Martin said other groups will be affected.

"Clearly there will be quite an impact on certain local non-profits," she said. "We have the dubious distinction of being the poorest county in Ontario, and as such, there is only so much money to go around."

Worst affected will be those less well-endowed organizations that cannot pull donations from other communities Martin concluded.

"Health sits at the top of the priority list, arts are very important too, but sometimes raising money for other less apparent causes such as housing can be much more difficult."

While local non-profits continue to express gratitude and solidarity with those affected by the flooding in Minden – very important attributes for organizations in the non-profit sector according to Martin – there seems to be a charitable hierarchy of sorts in the region. This is leaving some organizations less confident than others.

"We have to be optimistic, but also a bit realistic," conceded Martin. "Time will tell."



Request for Quotes

We are requesting quotes from qualified individuals and/or businesses for the provision of Claims Adjusting Services for the Disaster Relief Committee for the Township of Minden Hills.

Deadline for quote submission is Monday July 22, 2013
12:00 noon local time.

Quotes to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked

"Quote No. DRC 13-001 Claims Adjusting Services"

To the following:

Clerk's Office, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
Minden Ontario, K0M 2K0

Attention: John Rogers, DRC Project Manager

Quote documents can be obtained from
sprentice@mindenhills.ca
or by visiting the Clerk's Office, 2nd floor.



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- File No. SRA-11-10
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 24, Concession 6, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9431, registered September 17, 2012.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT The Township of Minden Hills, this 11 day of July, 2013.
Adam King, M.R.M
Planning Administrator

Highlander news

Hydro accommodates RLCA demands

Continued from page 1

membership, then our membership started calling Hydro to say, 'I don't want any part of this.'

Bates said the RLCA had two main concerns with the use of Garlon RTU: the possible contamination of lake water and the environmental impact.

"A lot of people draw their water from the lakes," he said.

"We have the Haliburton gold [lake trout] species in these lakes. There are very few lakes up here that have them, we're probably one of about five."

According to Dow AgroSciences, the company that produces the herbicide, Garlon RTU is used for the "selective control of individual, undesirable woody plants in pastures and rangelands, forest and woodland management areas and in non-crop areas."

Information found on their website states that the herbicide is toxic to aquatic organisms and non-target terrestrial plants.

"The use of this chemical may result in contamination of groundwater, particularly in areas where soils are permeable and/or where the depth to the water table is shallow," reads the section under "Environmental Hazards".

According to Tiziana Baccega Rosa, senior media relations officer for Hydro One, it is vital to keep vegetation away from power lines to "ensure public and worker safety and the reliability of supply" to customers.

"The work being done is to ensure the main feeder line in the area has the required clearance," said Baccega Rosa. "Garlon RTU has been used for decades to control vegetation on our distribution corridors. Where circumstances, including aesthetics, access and corridor location,

are suitable we use direct-to-stem low-volume techniques to control standing vegetation, but otherwise use Garlon RTU to control re-growth of deciduous stumps after manual cutting."

All local authorities are made aware of Hydro's planned operations and the herbicide is only applied where "property owners agree to application on their or adjacent properties," said Baccega Rosa. She confirmed that Hydro One representatives met with members of the RLCA to "clarify and provide an update" about their work.

"Decisions about herbicide application in that area are based on individual customer response through our consultation with them. Our plan for manual removal of the vegetation impacting system reliability and public safety has not changed, only our preferred approach to treat the stumps of this vegetation."

When used properly, Baccega Rosa says the herbicide is a safe product.

"Garlon RTU is a safe product when applied properly by our licensed applicators and is approved by Health Canada for the work we do."

Workers will begin removing the brush in the Redstone Lake area at the end of this month.

Baccega Rosa said that tree contacts account for more than 30 per cent of power outages in Ontario and can also cause fires and property damage.

"That's why Hydro One takes clearance requirements for power lines seriously and invests time and money to make sure that our more than 121,000 circuit-kilometres of distribution lines are kept clear and safe."



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Highlander news

AH intern kept busy

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands and Adventure Haliburton Group (AHG) have created a joint marketing internship this year, and intern Alysha Socha hit the ground running.

Mark Coleman, parks, recreation and trails manager for Algonquin Highlands, said Socha has taken on numerous activities in her first month on the job from May 13.

Socha has worked for Coleman's department in other capacities in the previous two summers and was the top candidate of those who applied for the new 32-week internship.

She works out of the township's trails offices at the Frost Centre near Dorset with direction and mentoring from Coleman and from Bruce Ballentine, chair of AHG, and Barrie Martin, president of Yours Outdoors, an AHG member.

"She has a whole slew of priorities that have been developed with the three mentors," Coleman said. "She's hard at it in terms of promoting Adventure Haliburton and getting their programs and contents and social media presence

up and running [and] she's developing her other activities for July and August."

Coleman said Socha had met with all 16 AHG adventure tourism partners (the township is one), completed new AHG vision and mission statements, re-launched the group's Facebook page, launched a new Twitter account and begun work to launch a new website.

She had also finalized production of a new AHG brochure, worked on the "Check us off your bucket list!" contest for five adventure experiences currently running on the AHG website (the contest closes Aug. 31), and continued development of several AHG programs.

Future plans for AHG include developing a social media photo database, ongoing program development and identifying additional sources of funding.

Socha is also working on marketing the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails program through increased social media presence and development of packages that include township attractions such as canoeing, camping and the Dorset Lookout Tower.



Haliburton Legion Branch 129 president Carla Watson (centre) presents Malcolm MacLean (left) and Dave Allen with a cheque for \$1,000.

Photo by Warren Riley

Haliburton Legion supports local radio

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

Federal, provincial and local government officials were on hand to witness the presentation of a cheque for \$1,000 to local radio station Canoe FM by Haliburton's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129.

Enjoying the merriment of July 6 were MP Barry Devolin and MPP Laurie Scott who mingled amongst the crowd along with county warden Carol Moffitt and Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey.

Legion president Carla Watson made the presentation to Canoe's sales and advertising manager

Dave Allen and president Malcolm MacLean. The festivities included live entertainment and treats for more than 100 residents and community spirited volunteers.

Allen was thrilled at hearing the local radio station had been chosen as one of the organizations to receive a donation from the legion.

"As Legion 129 is mandated to give money away from their lottery fund it was from this fund that we [at Canoe] received the \$1,000 donation," he said.

"The Legion donates to many organizations each year and Canoe FM was one of the organizations

to receive a donation. They have been supporting us from day one."

Scott was pleased that Canoe FM was the recipient of the endowment.

"I'm here to celebrate a great community radio station," she said. "Most everybody I know listens to Canoe FM. When you see the volunteers and the high school students giving back to the community and the community supporting them, it's a symbiotic relationship."

"I enjoy listening to Canoe FM, when I can get it within reach, and obviously so does the whole community as represented by the party today."



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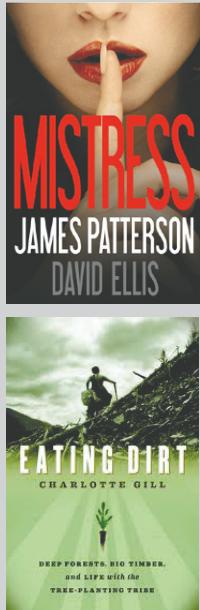
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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.



HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Mistress* by James Patterson
2. *Stranglehold* by Robert Rotenberg
3. *Flee Fly Flown* by Janet Hepburn
4. *Sweet Salt Air* by Barbara Delinsky
5. *And The Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill
2. *My Way: An Autobiography* by Paul Anka
3. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
4. *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* by Kamal Al-Solaylee
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton

Flee, Fly, Flown by Janet Hatcher is a recently released Canadian novel that is new to our popular fiction list. When Lillian and Audrey hatch a plot to escape from Ottawa's Tranquil Meadows Nursing Home, "borrow" a car, and spend their hastily planned vacation time driving to the west coast, they aren't fully aware of the challenges ahead. Luckily, they meet an unsuspecting young man, Rayne, who will help them navigate the course.

As Lillian and Audrey try to take back control of their lives, Rayne realizes the truth – these women are suffering from dementia, have been without their meds and a man-hunt is underway to locate them. It goes without saying that these funny, brave women will take Rayne – and the reader – on the adventure of a lifetime.

You can reserve *Flee, Fly, Flown*, a charming new Canadian novel, from your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

We have summer children's programming running in five branches! Check our website at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca for details.



Thank you!

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- Dave Howell - Minden Auto Care

And everyone who participated and supported the annual Canada Day Celebrations. Thank you for making it another successful event!

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with this event and others like it. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact:

Elisha Weiss
Community Development Coordinator
705-286-2298 - eweiss@mindenhillsc.ca

Video raises flood funds

By Matthew Desrosiers

Editor

Victims of the Minden Flood continue to rebuild after the devastation in April.

Jim Love, a songwriter who visited Minden Hills during the flood, wrote a song to capture that despair. Called Carolyn and I, the song is about a fictitious couple who are devastated by the flood and realize they still have each other.

"It's a message both of the despair of the flood, but hope for the future," said Marie Gage, owner of madeinhaliburton.ca, a website where the song is available for purchase for a minimum \$0.99 donation.

Love played the song at an open mic night put on by the Haliburton County Folk Society in May. Gage and her husband, Don, first heard it there.

"We were both touched by the song and looked at one another and said we've got to do something with this song," she said.

The result is a 5:44 minute video put to the song. Tammy Rea did all the filming and editing of the video, and Love donated the song to it.

Gage first aired the video at a launch event during Canada Day in Minden.

"We wanted to give residents of Minden Hills the first opportunity to see it before we put it out into the world," she said.

On July 2, the video went live online at madeinhaliburton.ca for sale.

"People love the idea," Gage said. "We've had some donations made. It hasn't been a huge flood yet, but it takes a while for this kind of thing to take hold."

Gage said people who watch the video are touched, and she hopes they will be moved to give.

"If every person who lives in the Haliburton Highlands could share the link with everybody they know, with a personal request to consider contributing, that would go a long way to bringing money from outside the community to help people in this community," she said.

"That's what this is all about, trying to spread the fundraising further because people within this small community are pretty tapped out from all the local fundraising events."

For anyone interested in viewing the video, visit www.madeinhaliburton.ca. Gage said the video will be up for sale until such time as they don't require any additional fundraising for flood relief.

FLOOD RELIEF

The Minden Hills Disaster Relief Committee is accepting applications until

July 31, 2013

For further information including forms please contact **John Rogers** at the Township offices, 7 Milne Street, Minden

705-286-1260 ext 220
jrogers@mindenhillsc.ca

Highlander arts

The palette and palate phenomenon

A new gallery, the Forest Arts Centre, has opened at 231 Highland Street in Haliburton featuring the wildlife art of David Alexander Risk. The opening doubles the number of private galleries in Haliburton Village to two; the other being the venerable Ethel Curry gallery.

Galleries are traditional places to see and buy art, but there are many other less traditional places where people, many of whom would not normally frequent galleries, can see the works of our local talent.

For years our lodges, decorating stores, hospitals and clinics have featured creations by various artists as part of their decor, but usually the art in these establishments is poorly presented.

There is a big difference in how artwork is displayed in public establishments and in proper galleries. Most places where art is a secondary consideration tend not to have the proper lighting or the type of space to display art to its full advantage, and that's why galleries are so important; their product is art and only art.

While that might be true, with the rise of some newer eateries in both Minden and Haliburton, artists have some new venues for their works. Art in restaurants is not a new phenomenon and places like the Peppermill on Highway 35 and the Heritage Cafe in Haliburton have featured

wall art for years. The Heritage does a good job of displaying art and presently the work of Lana Jean can be seen there.

Tracey Green, who owns and operates Momma G's in Haliburton, has taken the opportunity to display her own work, and Noelia Marziali's offerings can be seen adorning the walls of Baked and Battered, located opposite the public docks on Head Lake.

In Minden the Upriver Trading Company, which doubles as a gift shop and bistro, is featuring local artists on a rotating basis. Right now art by John Lennard and sculptures by Leo Sepa can be found in a space at the back of the store, while up the road at Molly's Bistro Bakery the work of Lois Raw is on exhibit.

I couldn't help but wonder if the proliferation of these 'palette palate gastro galleries' impacts on the Ethel Curry art gallery, which has been going through some tough times of late.

"I don't mind it," said Ethel Curry

Show your work is good for morale and word of mouth is always a good thing.

Lois Raw
Artist

proprietor Wayne Hooks. "The more Haliburton is known for its art the better. Members of our own staff have had shows at the Heritage Cafe. It doesn't hurt our business. We have a stable of 90 artists with about 40 per cent of them local. We are regularly getting 30-40 applications from across the country and usually

have spots for only five to ten new artists in any year, depending on who leaves."

Hooks blames slow art sales in his store and throughout the county on bad weather recently and on the economic downturn in recent years.

But art is not always just about sales. Artists still feel compelled to both produce and exhibit their work. In this way bistros and restaurant owners can help in getting artists some recognition, especially for those who are not on the studio tours or represented in galleries.

"We wanted a local component to showcase art in a more home-like setting," said Paul Roy of the Upriver Trading Company. "Art should be more accessible

and this exposes work to people who might not wander into a gallery."

Lois Raw, who has shown on a studio tour and is also currently exhibited in the Ethel Curry gallery, is still not above displaying her work in places like Molly's in Minden.

"Restaurants in general are not necessarily the best places to buy art, but it's a place to show work," Raw said. "Showing your work is good for morale and word of mouth is always a good thing."

But artists need to sell art in order to make a living.

"Nobody goes to breakfast and buys art," photographer Joe Smith said when asked his opinion about art in eating establishments.

He has a point, so maybe a solution to selling art in eateries is producing art that customers can eat. I can just hear the conversations now.

"How was your Rose Pearson pretzel bluejay, hun?"

"A bit salty."

"Aw, too bad. My early John Lennard asparagus abstract was to die for."



By George Farrell

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Highlander arts

Studio tour still growing

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

After 10 years, the Highlands East Studio Tour isn't showing any signs of slowing down.

The tour is being held from Aug. 10-11, and Aug. 17-18.

Last year, tour organizers introduced arts workshops for tour participants. The demand was so great they decided to do it again this year.

Peter John Reid is teaching a level one and two Mastering Techniques in Acrylics workshop. Level one is being taught from July 29-31 at the Robert McCausland Community Centre in Gooderham for \$175 per person. Level two is from Aug. 12-16 at the centre for \$290 per person.

For those who want to try watercolours, Wendy Bachiu is teaching an introduction workshop from Aug. 9-11 at the McCausland centre for \$150 per person.

Sandra Glover Clark is a new addition to the tour this year. Her studio is located a kilometer south on Dyno Road, according to a press release.

The tour will also continue its geocaching element introduced last year. There will be seven new caches put out. Geocachers can find them at www.geocaching.com effective Aug. 9. Last year there were over 100 groups of cachers participating in the event.

For course outlines and materials required, and to register, call Jan Simon at 705-448-2868 or e-mail jandreamweaver@aol.com. Organizers advise to register early as workshop spaces are limited.



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Down our Road

By Sharon Lynch

Rain swimming

Nathan awoke to the plop, plop of rain on the cottage roof. Even with his eyes closed he knew the world outside his bedroom window was sodden, the sky heavy and grey. Dampness filled the air like a pitcher of water about to overflow. Nat could smell it and feel it against his skin. Great, he thought. Another boring rainy day at the cottage.

The old linoleum-clad floor boards were sticky with humidity as Nathan shuffled his bare feet into the little kitchen. Mist rose from the river, a slow-moving cloud that matched the river's current. Standing by the large window he surveyed the green-black water and secretive forest.

He was tired of reading, bored with cards and had his fill of Monopoly. A week of warm summer days and it hadn't stopped raining. His mother the gardener was delighted with the weather. But not Nathan. He was restless and irritable. At least in the city there were more things to do than stare up at the sky, hoping for blue. His cousins were due to come over in a few hours so maybe they could all look at the rain together. He could hardly wait.

Seeing her son's long face, his mom asked him what was wrong. He motioned with his hand to the wet world outside. She looked at him for a minute and then she was on the phone. He could tell she was talking to his aunt about the cousins' visit but heard no details.

"Cheer up," she told him, once the call was over. "When the others arrive, we're going rain swimming."

"What are we going to do – put on our bathing suits and stand outside?" he asked with little enthusiasm.

"Wait and see," came her response.

Two hours later, a car pulled up and three cousins tumbled out. From the looks on their faces they were as happy with the weather as Nat. Not wasting any time, his mom told everyone to don their swim suits minus towels and meet in the kitchen when they were ready.

Nathan was getting curious. His mom was full of surprises, her brown eyes sparkling with mischief. When they were all set, she said they were going rain swimming over at the beach. Confused

looks were exchanged. She then explained that rain swimming was simply going for a swim when it was raining. But, she added, it was a completely different swimming experience.

So they headed out. The beach was a ten minute walk over the bridge that spanned the river. They walked above the mist still clinging to the current and continued on past dripping branches and bejewelled ferns. The smell of pine and spruce was overlaid with the dark musky scent of rotting leaves, wet granite and mud. Perfect conditions for mosquitoes and black flies, the flying pests had a field day as the four children and one adult made their way in the rain.

Very quickly they were very wet. Still continuing, Nathan saw the light between the trees that indicated the lake's shore was just ahead. When the lake came into view it looked different, the rain churning up its surface. Now he was intrigued. This might be interesting, he thought.

Then with a whoop his mom kicked off her sandals and headed straight for the water, motioning them all to do the same. With a shrug, Nat followed and the cousins as well. It was a surprise to find the lake so warm. In fact, had he not seen where water and air met, Nat might not have known where one left off and the other started.

This was indeed a new experience. With his body submerged and only his head above the surface, the rain spattered his face and tickled the skin. The lake was a different place now. Along the shore the woods were thick, flat, dark-green, and mysterious. No sunlight lit its spaces. All Nat heard was the rain scattering around him and small waves breaking against his body as he dog paddled about. With no motor boats or voices coming across the bay, nature's sounds were clear and present.

He floated on his back and the rain pelted him pleasantly. Perhaps, he thought lazily, perhaps after they walk back to the cottage, they could put on garbage bag rain gear and go for a walk. He had already decided that rainy days had more possibilities than he had previously considered.

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Highlander business

Subaru takes a new turn

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

It's been a big year for the LaRue family.

It started a few months ago when the Haliburton community centre was renamed after A.J. LaRue. Now, only a few months later, his grandson, Tran, has become the new owner and dealer principal of Minden Subaru.

The deal went through on June 18.

"It's been fabulous," LaRue said. "The staff are tremendous. We have a great staff that makes [the transition] easy. Subaru has been fabulous as well. They're a great company to work with. Everything has been very smooth."

LaRue was born and raised in Haliburton.

"I grew up in cars," he said. "My father, Scotty, had a Ford dealership from 1974 to 1981 in Haliburton. I was a 10-year-old kid running around a car dealership, so it was kind of familiar to me."

His father always told him to get into the car business, so LaRue enrolled in Georgian College's automotive marketing program. During his first co-op placement he was already selling cars. The owner of the dealership at the time took LaRue under his wing and showed him the ropes.

"He took me under his wing, promoted me into management, and from there he bought another dealership, Classic Dodge, and put me in there to manage that company."

LaRue was offered a partnership in 1996. He became the dealer principal at Classic Dodge and operated it until 2009, when



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Tran and Tammy LaRue are the new owners of Minden Subaru, effective June 18.

he decided to move his family back to the Highlands.

"[As] someone who's been raised in this area, there's always a thought of coming back home, so that's what I did," he said. "I really enjoyed my upbringing in Haliburton and Minden. I enjoyed the high school and thought it was a perfect time for my kids... to [come back] to my old high school and let them finish out there."

As soon as the family was settled, LaRue started looking for business opportunities. He approached Minden Subaru owners Charlie and Ethel Muli about buying their business.

"They agreed that would be something they'd be interested in, but not right at that moment," LaRue said.

They offered to hire him on as a salesperson. LaRue sold cars at the dealership until June 18 when he officially became the owner.

"Charlie [Muli] is going to be on for two years in a consulting capacity," LaRue said. "Definitely he's earned lots of customers over the years and did a great job with the business, and he'd like to stay on for a couple of years."

The Mulis have operated Minden Subaru since 1993. Although it's under new management now, LaRue doesn't plan on changing much, not even the name.

"The plans for the dealership are to operate in the same manner that the customers are accustomed to," he said. "There are definitely areas that I could bring some different ideas to the table, but really it's a great situation for me because it's an established business that is very well-known, [and] very well-rated through Subaru's rating systems."

Although LaRue's kids were raised around cars, they've both decided to pursue other avenues. His oldest son, Chad, has just

received his carpentry certificate from Canadore College. His daughter, Breana, was recently accepted at the Berklee College of Music in Boston to pursue her music studies.

"She is definitely on a different career path than the car business," LaRue said.

But that doesn't mean the family won't be involved. LaRue said his wife Tammy will play a huge role in the company's day-to-day operations.

"She'll be instrumental in this business," he said. "She's extremely good with the public and has a great personality."

Tammy will be the business manager and will help with financing at the dealership.

While it's only been a few weeks since he took over the business, so far everything is going well, he said.

"We are busy. We're selling cars, so everything's been good so far."

Tourism director found a 'dream opportunity'

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Amanda Ranson admits that she doesn't have a strong tourism background.

But that doesn't seem to bother the County of Haliburton's new tourism director.

"The job is really consumer marketing," said Ranson. "That's what I see at the end of the day. I've worked on everything from tech clients to outdoors products to media. I feel that if you understand how to target a consumer then you'll be able to do this job."

Since she started her new position with the county's tourism and marketing department on June 25, Ranson has been getting acquainted with her surroundings. Her first day included orientation, a meeting with human resources and organizing office space.

"I've been meeting with a lot of people, getting organized and setting up meetings with a lot of stakeholders," she said.

Ranson hails from Toronto but has been

living in Minden for the past 18 months. Her husband, Ray, was born and raised in the town and currently works in sales at Ridgewood Ford.

"We were coming up here every weekend anyways, so at one point I just said let's make the move," she said.

Ranson studied photography and new media at Ryerson University. She then went on to pursue post-graduate studies in interactive multimedia – or what she refers to as a "hybrid between journalism and online news" – at Humber College. In 2012, she wrapped up her studies with a brand marketing certificate from the University of California (UCLA).

Ranson possesses extensive brand management and consumer expertise from her work at Rogers Communications, The Toronto Star, The Globe and Mail and most recently Cohn & Wolfe as the vice president of brand management.

"My career has been an interesting mix of public relations, marketing, consumer

marketing and consumer package goods."

In her most recent position, Ranson worked with 13 clients to carry out all of their Canadian communication strategies. Some of these included Nintendo of Canada, Dell and Coleman Canada.

In March, Ranson came across the job opportunity with the county.

"I loved that it had an emphasis on consumer marketing and social and digital media – which I have a strong background in as well."

Although she hasn't yet hammered out all her future plans, Ranson plans to place an emphasis on online marketing.

"I'm going to be working on some content partnerships with stakeholders and organizations, and getting more cross-pollination and promotion for our digital channels."

Although she is pleased with the new experiencehaliburton.com website, Ranson believes there's always room for improvement.

She also feels it's important for the county to maintain a physical presence such as the tourist information centre, which is located off Hwy 35.

"Being here the last couple of days, I've seen how busy it is. I definitely think it's a valuable service."

At a recent county council meeting, a decision was made to renew the lease on the building until Jan. 31, 2015.

Ranson hasn't been in the position long, but says she's very happy with the warm reception she's already received from the community.

"I've had a lot of support from the community," she smiled.

"I'm pleased to be working here. I feel like it's a dream opportunity, and I think that my skill set is broad and can bring a lot to the county."

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Builders look to educate consumers

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

A drive to stimulate economic development in the county's construction industry continues to build with the launch of a consumer education brochure.

Councillors from the county's four municipalities and the Haliburton County Home Builders Association have been working to address challenges in the county's second-largest industry. These include the sourcing of certain trades and even contractors outside the county due to lack of skilled trades people and an inconsistent reputation for quality.

The consumer education brochure provides advice on things to consider before hiring a contractor to build or renovate. A draft was presented at county council's June 20 meeting by Barb Reid, reeve of Minden Hills and project lead.

"The work is good and the messaging is great," said Carol Moffatt, county warden.

"It was developed mostly by two main contractors," said Reid. "We needed to find a way to introduce the subject without bringing out the hammer on anyone."

Reid said later the brochure was now available for uploading to the county and municipal websites and she hoped hard

copies would be made available through all municipal building and bylaw departments so when people come in to discuss projects, they can take the information away with them.

Two other task forces led by Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey and Dysart councillor Andrea Roberts are focusing on municipal harmonization and youth education.

Fearrey's group is working on frequently asked questions, a checklist to verify building applications are complete, and sample site plans to verify what's happening with a proposal.

"It was the feeling of staff and the construction trades that these tools would be helpful in expediting the permit process," said Fearrey.

Roberts and her team are investigating ways in which young people are encouraged to enter construction trades.

"I have met with Brett Caputo at the high school, he was the co-op teacher for this last year," said Roberts. "He was very helpful."

The group will meet July 8 to discuss the current situation and ways to ensure young people are aware of available job options and then report back to Reid, said Roberts.

"We hope to come up with some creative ideas that will help promote the construction industry and show the youth that this is a solid career choice."

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150 Bike Tour set to roll for Flood Relief

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

This year's Minden 150 bike tour will benefit the township's flood relief efforts.

A meeting was held at the Minden council chambers on July 2 to update the efforts of executive body GranFondo Canada and Share the World in preparation for the Aug. 10 event.

Minden's director of community services, Janette Loveys, was present along with GranFondo director Dean Hachey, community health promoter Angela Andrews, Eleanor McMahon of Share the World and three volunteers.

McMahon has been instrumental in the ride's preparations and hopes it will be as successful as in previous years. When a state of emergency was declared in Minden, McMahon and Hachey decided that it was time to step up to the plate and help in some fashion.

"We are here in Minden to talk about the 2013 event with members of the committee and to you the media that this year we want to announce that we are giving part of the proceeds from this year's Penny's Ride to the Minden Flood Relief," she said. "We were struck by the need of the community.



Photo by Warren Riley

From left: Bert Kennedy, Jeanette Loveys, Mac Ellis, Dave Tranter, Angela Andrews, Eleanor McMahon and Dean Hachey are ready to ride for Minden Flood Relief.

We have been working on organizing this event for a number of months and we decided that we have to do something here for these people."

"I understand what it is like to be in a small community and be devastated by things that are out of your control," she continued. "Small communities are incredibly resilient but at the same time they are also very self-reliant. They also have fewer resources compared to larger communities. It just hit me. There is no way we just can't do this for these people."

Part of the committee's reason for being present was to inform the community and the province to register and join the ride.

"We ask that bikers from across the community and Ontario come to Minden [on Aug. 9 and 10] to participate in this great cycling event. I just wanted to add that our organization, Share the Road, is a province-wide cycling advocacy and policy organization that works with communities across the province and works at Queen's Park to mobilize resources for cycling."

Hachey was delighted to be in Minden and echoed McMahon's sentiments.

"It's an honour to be here in Minden and supporting the Minden 150," he said. "We have hosted events in Huntsville and Ottawa and those events were very successful. We are bringing our sponsors and expertise to

the table to make amazing events even more tremendous. We hope to do the same here for the Minden 150 this year."

Following the announcement, the committee met with members of Minden Hills council.

"After our little conference, we met with the committee, including the township who were very forthcoming and generous with their support," said Hachey. "We've had great support from council. We were very warmly received when we presented the update to them. We've had staff support and in-kind resources with staff participating in our committee meetings also. Everyone has been welcoming and helpful."



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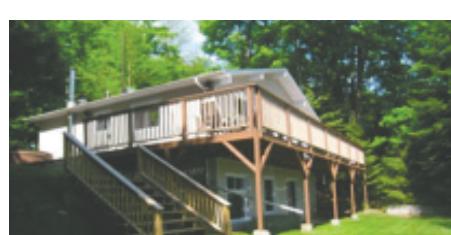
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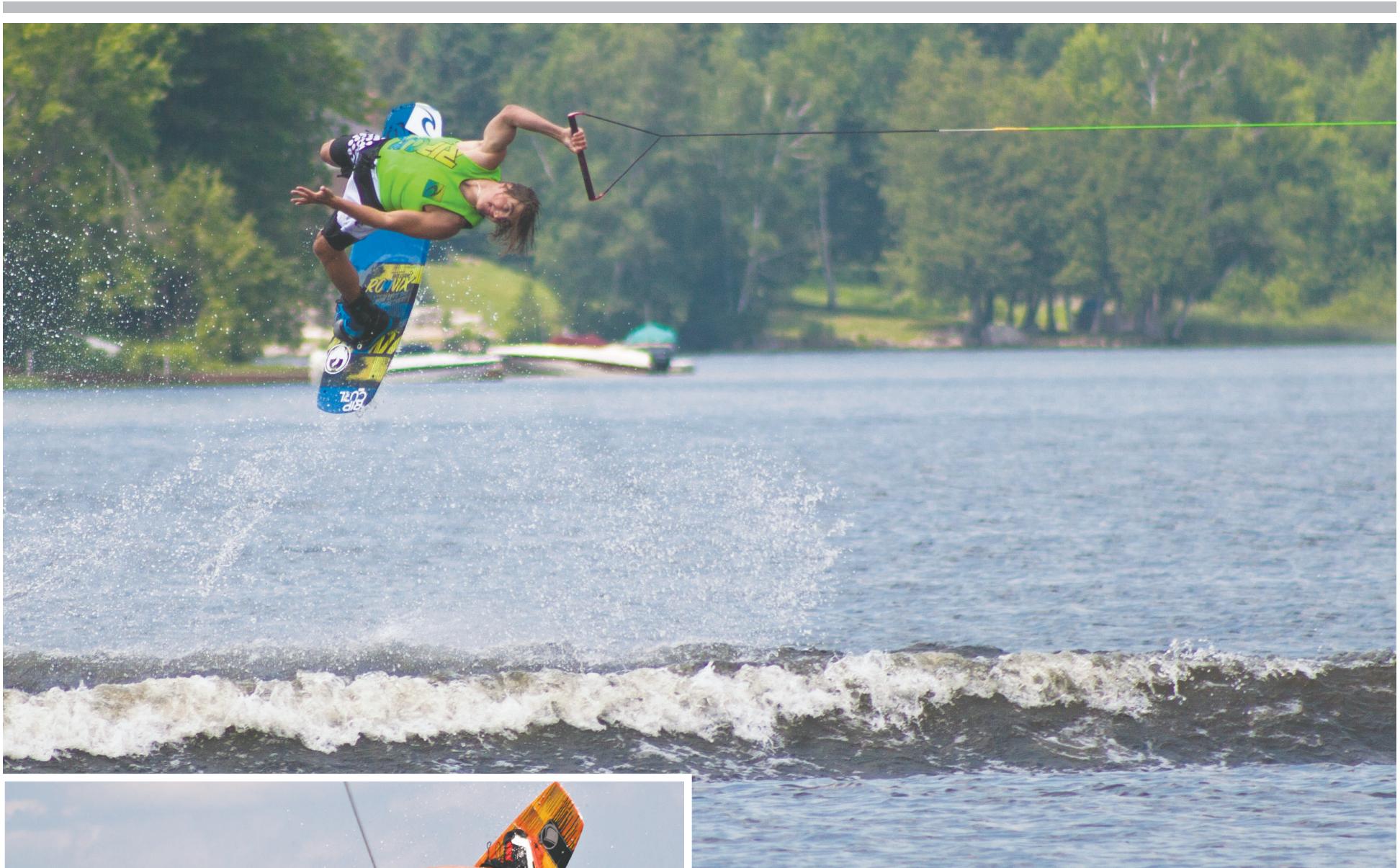
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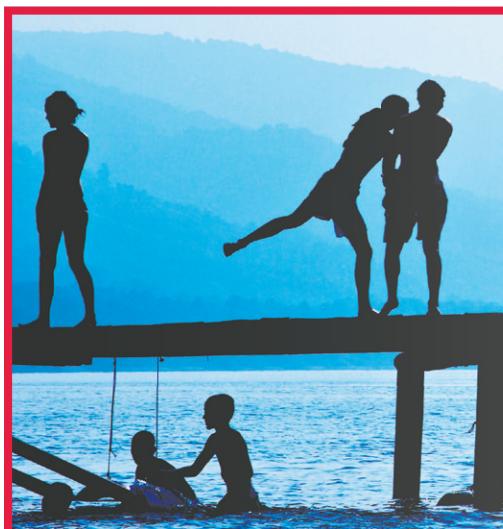
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Melissa Tolley having a blast skipping over the wake on her board during the Sharpleys Source for Sports Open on Head Lake.

Thrills, chills and spills on Head Lake

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

There were thrills, chills and spills on Head Lake this past weekend when the Roots Amateur Wake Series came to town.

Promoted as Canada's largest amateur wake series, the Sharpley Source for Sports Open was presented by Mastercraft boats, Buckeye Marine and Muskoka Woods on July 6. The event drew a crowd numbering in the hundreds, including people from across Ontario.

For those unfamiliar with the sport, wakeboarders are towed behind a boat and launch themselves into the air off the boat's

wake. The boarder then performs various tricks that are judged for points.

The series was an exciting event for 23-year-old Brady Hicks and his brother Gavin of Haliburton.

Brady place third overall in the outlaw wakeskate series.

"I've been wakeboarding for nine years and competing for seven," he said. "I started out in the X-Cup series and then the Roots series which started up. I've also competed in the provincials, the nationals and Wakestock."

Brady enjoys wakeboarding and will continue to promote the sport for interested enthusiasts.

"There is every level of wakeboarding," he commented. "It starts at the beginner's level, then intermediate, advanced and then outlaw which I compete in. It's good at any level and doesn't matter on your skill or your age. It's good and it's fun."

Gavin is 25 years old and placed third in the open men's wakeboard competition.

"I've been waterskiing since I was five but started wakeboarding when I was around 14," he said. "I've been competing since I was 16. I enjoy just getting out on the water and being free to do just what I want. I also like getting ready for competitions and it's just so fun. When you do well it feels the greatest."

RESULTS

Open Men's Wakeboard

- 1 - Christian Primrose
- 2 - Dary Znebel
- 3 - Gavin Hicks of Haliburton

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Participants enter the water at the first dragon boat lesson in Haliburton.

Dragon boating makes its Haliburton debut

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Haliburton resident Jane Macnab hopes the sport of dragon boating will catch on in the Highlands.

"I love the sport and when we moved up to Haliburton, I was looking for dragon boating and found out it wasn't happening here," said Macnab, who has been on the organizing committee of the Dragon Boat Festival in Port Perry for the past four years. "The lakes up here are absolutely

perfect for dragon boating."

Recently, Macnab began working with Dragon Boat Canada to bring the sport to the area. On July 7, she organized an introductory session at Haliburton RPM. The 15 or so participants who showed up received a lesson on Grass Lake from Garrett McKinnon, a professional dragon boating coach from Pickering.

Macnab said the conditions for dragon boating are ideal in the Highlands because the lakes are calm and pristine.

"They're very calm and predictable

because there aren't white caps, unless there's extremely stormy weather," she said. "If you go to Head Lake, it's relatively calm most of the time."

In Macnab's opinion, the sport is a good social activity that offers a full-body workout.

"It's a very social thing. Everybody is learning to paddle in synchronization, so we're all working together as a team. With dragon boating, everyone depends on everyone else."

Macnab would like to see various age

groups pick up the sport. She also believes Head Lake Park would be the ideal location for a dragon boat festival.

"That will bring a lot of people into the town for the day. It will be really great for the community."

Practice sessions will continue at RPM each Sunday at 1 and 2:15 p.m. The cost is \$25 per session or \$100 for five sessions.

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Top: Garrett McKinnon shows participants how to use their paddle once they get in the water. Above: McKinnon, left, coaches participants in a dragon boating workshop.

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Strengthening families one dad at a time

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Gary Jenkins smiles broadly as he holds up his graduation certificate. It's the first one he's ever received, and now he's keen to get many more.

What's truly unique is his choice of course to achieve it: the Nurturing Father's Program (NFP) created by Mark Perlman, a Florida Supreme Court certified family mediator.

The county's first 13-week NFP was run by the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre (HCPCC) this spring. Single father Jenkins and four other dads graduated in June.

Jenkins, 26, is by turns quiet and exuberant. He has two sons and would like a bigger role in their lives.

"I'm beyond patient now," says Jenkins. "I do everything different now. My whole life's kind of changed in a way."

HCPCC provides pre and post-delivery support to women faced with an unplanned pregnancy and support for post-abortion trauma. President Julie Goodwin says clients often wish similar versions of some support programs were available for fathers.

Goodwin recently took a webinar featuring the NFP and found it was designed for a wide audience – not only single dads, but also perhaps a teacher who recognizes he's a role model, or a grandfather raising his grandchild.

NFP topics include discipline without violence, managing anger and resolving conflict, communication and problem-solving, teamwork with spouse/partner, and the joys of fathering.

Goodwin proposed the program to the HCPCC board. Director Ron Mahler watched the webinar and recommended purchasing the curriculum. The board

approved.

The course and materials were free to participants thanks to several community partners. When the non-profit HCPCC sent out letters requesting support, "I was blown away by the response," says Goodwin. "It was a tremendous encouragement."

Mahler and Goodwin's husband, Terry, who has 25 years of social services experience, served as trained facilitators.

"For me it was a no-brainer," says Terry. "The program uses a lot of the same premises that different cognitive behavioural approaches use – anger management, partner assault."

The group found space at Haliburton's Full Gospel Lighthouse. Pastor Doug Ross dropped in halfway through the program and stayed on.

"I saw the reaction of the young men as they were just readily receiving all this information, that they could change their lives, they could become better dads, and they were so willing to accept the responsibility," says Ross.

Jenkins was seven when his father died. Essentially he was raised by his grandfather.

"He taught me to be responsible," says Jenkins. "I guess I was just too young and arrogant... I wasn't listening, but I never forgot."

Jenkins was recently released from jail after 11 months. He moved away from his old friends and accompanying temptations, settled in the county, took the NFP program and joined a 12-step program.

Ross and the Goodwins talk about the connections that developed among the program facilitators and participants despite age differences.

"Men being men, they don't talk about this stuff," says Terry. "This was sort of a safe place, and it took a while to get

there where they would talk, but then they would see the other two facilitators [Doug and Ron]... had some of the same struggles as they had, so they would relate and they would open up and they would talk about it."

"Take the program," Jenkins recommends. "It's very, very worth it, and you're going to see some changes, very good, big changes in your life and your family's life."

"It's definitely going to make a difference for the kids, and guaranteed that the mothers are going to be 10 times better," he continues. "We do the program, we understand the program... she just sees the change that you are doing [for] you and your children."

"You're wise beyond your years, young man," says Ross. "It took me 40 years to realize that."

Jenkins says he plans to take the course again. Terry and Ross also plan to take it.

They are also planning a monthly get-together to provide continued support and fellowship for the grads. While the NFP is not faith-based, they're calling the graduate group "A Wing and a Prayer."

HCPCC is planning another NFP for the fall, perhaps in Minden, and Julie is looking ahead to what a follow-up program might look like.

Unable to attend their graduation ceremony, Mahler wrote an address to the fathers, saying it was "neat to be able to just be ourselves as men and dads, no judgment – only support and understanding."

"May we apply the grace we gave to each other, to our children and their mothers. May the past few months be a launching pad for better things ahead."

To register for the fall NFP, contact HCPCC at 705-457-4673.

Highlander life

A sports-minded Minden girl

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

Sterling Nesbitt attends Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden and will be entering Grade 5 in September. This driven nine-year-old has been involved with sports for most of her young life.

She continues to find her sports niche by adding hockey, soccer, baseball and track and field to her summer month's repertoire, and skiing and ice hockey during the winter season.

"She will be 10 years old soon and nothing seems to stand in her way," said Cindy Nesbitt, Sterling's mother. "She had her first pair of hockey skates on at the age of three. Sterling went through the next few years playing in the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association and ended up playing left wing on the tyke team and was 'A' champions that year."

Sterling added Highland dancing to her list of activities and has delighted crowds with her routines.

"She has performed her dancing in Kinmount and in Haliburton on several occasions," Nesbitt continued. "She has danced on a Robbie Burns' night and most recently at the Canada Day celebrations."

The sports gene is in Sterling's blood and it shows.

"In the summer, I like to do swimming and baseball because they are sports that I can be outside doing with my friends," she said. "I would like to keep playing hockey and Highland dancing. I really enjoy doing both of these. In the wintertime I like to go skiing, playing hockey and sledding. I like these winter sports because they are fun. I would just like to keep playing sports and be me."



Photo by Warren Riley

Sterling Nesbitt shows her dancing form.

According to Nesbitt, her daughter is a tireless whirlwind of energy.

Sterling never seems to stop trying a sport of some sort and we never know what is next for her. Sterling has made mention of water skiing, volleyball and snowboarding. She is truly a wonderful sports-minded girl and the sky is the limit for her."



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Katie's Run raises funds for epilepsy research

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

After an extremely successful first year, Katie's Run is returning to the Highlands on July 20.

"Through Katie's Run last year, we met many people who are dealing with epilepsy," said Trudy Pogue, one of the event organizers.

Held last July at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike,

the inaugural event raised over \$15,000 for epilepsy research. The fundraiser was inspired by the story of Katie Woudstra, a local teen who suffers from epilepsy.

Woudstra has been seizure-free for the past year, but others aren't so lucky.

"We've found that it's a trial and error process until they [epilepsy sufferers] find some medication or a combination of meds," said Pogue. "Often it doesn't help."

Since last year's event, Pogue said many

people with epilepsy have come forward with their stories.

"It's amazing all the stories that are coming out," she said, adding that a lot of interest has been generated for this year's run.

"The number of people we had registered as of today [July 5] is already more than the total we had last year."

Pogue said organizers are hoping to get out 150 to 200 participants.

This year's event includes a 10-kilometre

run and a two-and-a-half kilometre walk/run. Awards and prizes will be given out to the top finishers after both runs.

"We've got three big prizes that we're raffling off. So for every \$5 that someone donates to Epilepsy Canada, they've got a chance to win either a signed Matt Duchene jersey, a huge stuffed dog or a wooden sculpture by Terry Adair."

For more information visit www.katiesrun.ca or call 705-448-2709.

Point in Time secures funding to expand goals

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents (PinT) models have been so successful that other agencies are now incorporating them and calling upon members for advice.

PinT president Marie Gage and executive director Marg Cox presented an update on the organization to county council at its June 26 meeting, emphasizing PinT's progress in mental health services for children and youth.

They also requested a special resolution that would enable continued funding for certain children's programs following a provincial funding change.

PinT provides numerous support and counselling services, from simply helping parents get children ready for school to rehabilitation and reintegration services for teens in the justice system.

"We know many people coming into the justice system are coming in because of mental health issues," said Cox. "We really pride ourselves on having a good record in helping youth turn their lives around."

PinT is now having a strong impact beyond the county as well, said Gage.

The organization presents at provincial and international workshops, piloted and passed new national accreditation standards, and created a DVD that is part of a national training website. PinT serves as one of four provincial demonstration sites for Working Together for Kids Mental Health and the universities of Ottawa and Ryerson are now

interested in documenting PinT's cross-sectoral work in the county.

Cox has been recruited for committees at the Centre of Excellence for Children and Youth Mental Health (governance) and at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAM-H).

"It's surprising that with one in five people sometime in their life experiencing a mental health issue, there is still a stigma associated with it," said Cox. "The sooner they seek help and treatment, the less they'll need."

Cox said PinT works closely with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to ensure children and youth receive the support they need to maintain good mental health. Their model has been implemented across Ontario. Joint programs include mindfulness, martial arts and Stop Now and Plan (SNAP) to help students self-regulate.

And now PinT needs the county's support, said Cox.

She explained some funding has been switched from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to the Ministry of Education for Early Learning Programs, and funding criteria and rules have changed.

This affects PinT's special needs resource program and free after school recreation programs in Wilberforce, Cardiff and Minden in partnership with the school board, which are attended by many children with special needs.

PinT also operates a weekly program for children and families at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton on Tuesday nights, pilots a Thursday night program at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

An authentic blacksmith on display

The Haliburton Highlands Museum now has a historically authentic blacksmith on site to show visitors how it was done in the old days. Pictured above, Dawson Wilson watches as blacksmith Thomas McGrath makes a file out of an old railway spike.

Minden, and is working on a new Dysart recreation program.

Under the new funding interpretation, programs must be deemed parks and recreation programs of the county, Cox told councillors, hence PinT's request for a special resolution.

Warden Carol Moffatt noted the county's parks and recreation programs are operated

municipally, and councillors deliberated on wording to address the request without indicating county responsibility.

In the final resolution, council recognizes PinT's after-school and summer camp programs as parks and recreation services "so that these children can benefit and receive the support they require from these programs."

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Above: The 2013 Enviro-Heroes, left to right: Mark and Sandra Bramham (Highlands East), Shannon Bittner (Haliburton Highlands Ecoteam), Sheila Ziman (award of distinction), Lee Battison (Dysart et al) and Rob Davis (Minden Hills). Absent: Ted Koehler (Algonquin Highlands). Right: James Cowan, director of the Canadian Raptor Conservancy, shows off Sasquatch, a 20-year-old golden eagle.

Land Trust names its Enviro-Heroes

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

They usually work quietly in the background and don't expect to be rewarded for the important contributions they make.

However on July 6 at Abbey Gardens, the spotlight shone on some of these individuals during the 2013 Nature at the Gardens fundraiser gala (formerly Wild About Nature) hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT).

At the annual event, several county residents were recognized as "Enviro-Heroes" for their contributions to the "protection and sustainability" of our natural resources and environment.

For the first time in its six-year history, the HHLT asked for nominations from each of the county's four municipalities. Each winner received an award designed by local artist Charles O'Neil.

The first award went to Algonquin Highlands resident Ted Koehler.

"The thing about Ted is that he works quietly in the background, expects no recognition – and he's the kind of guy you want to give an award to," said Carol Moffatt, reeve of Algonquin Highlands. "He's a passionate outdoor and trails enthusiast, and he's travelled extensively throughout North America to many of its greatest natural wonders, parks and trails."

Koehler and his brother, Ken, helped make council aware of the issues related to camping around Wren Lake and Raven Lake Dam within the Frost Centre area in 2002.

Moffatt presented the award to Peter Brodgen, who accepted it on Koehler's behalf.

Murray Fearrey, reeve of Dysart et al, presented the Dysart et al award to Lee Battison.

"[Councillor] Dennis [Casey] and I struggled with who to give this award to because we have three or four very capable people that are deserving," said Fearrey, who explained that council formed an environment and green energy committee at the start of their term.

"This man has travelled all over the world and brings a vast knowledge to our municipality," said Fearrey.

Battison owns a consulting firm that specializes in land rehabilitation and alternative energy systems. He has been an active volunteer on the municipality's environment and green energy committee since its inception. Most recently, he completed his PhD in environmental science at the University of Guelph.

Both Mark and Sandra Bramham were recognized as Enviro-Heroes for the Municipality of Highlands East.

"We're congratulating both Sandra and Mark for their hard work and continued work – because they're like worker bees," said Peter Fredricks, a member of the Highlands East environment committee. "They're always busy doing tours, busy gardening."

Together, the Bramhams own Greenmantle Farm – a property that is home to a notable occurrence of the rare mineral fluororichterite. They also launched a



campaign to protect a red oak forest in Highlands East, part of which is on their property, and spearheaded a community garden in Wilberforce.

"On behalf of Highlands East, I'd like to say thank you to both of you and congratulations," said Fredricks.

Councillor Larry Clarke presented the Minden Hills award to cottager Rob Davis.

"Rob is an advocate and educator for environmentally responsible living, with a particular emphasis on lakeside and watershed issues and remedial actions," said Clarke. "Rob is recognized as one, if not the leading authority on septic systems in Ontario."

The youth award was given to the Haliburton Highlands Ecoteam. The group of grade 12 students, which included Zachary Cox, Laura Pottier, Shannon Bittner, Alana Bannister, Alex Kocot and Holly Broderick, volunteered to clean up garbage in Head Lake Park in May.

The HHLT then surprised past chair, Sheila Ziman, with the award of distinction. Board members Janis Parker and Simon Payn presented the award to Ziman, who served at the helm of the organization for the past five years.

"This special award is going to the woman who has been the driving force behind the

Land Trust from the very beginning," said Parker. "Sheila was one of our first directors and after serving on the board for three years, she stepped into the chair's position five years ago."

"I think it's fair to say that many of the Land Trust's accomplishments are due to Sheila's hard work, her enthusiasm and her energy," said Payn. "Sheila has spent countless hours volunteering for the Land Trust."

As fundraising chair, Ziman brought in over \$200,000 for the HHLT in five years.

"That's helped us secure staff, open an office and offer many of the events you've no doubt attended or read about," said Payn.

Although she has stepped down as chair, Ziman remains on the board of directors.

"They've left me speechless, which I seldom am," said Ziman after accepting the award. "It's been a pleasure and I'd like to continue for maybe a few more years – I might have a few more years left in me."

Other attractions at Wild About Nature included a silent and loonie auction, a birds of prey show from the Canadian Raptor Conservancy and a variety of interactive displays.

Approximately \$15,000 was raised for the HHLT through the event.

Highlander environment

County battles to block beetle invasion

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The Highlands are under increased threat of invasion by the emerald ash borer beetle if a decision to allow firewood and ash tree materials to cross current regulated borders is not reversed.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has decided to include the county in an expanded regulation area for firewood and ash tree materials effective April 1, 2014.

According to county forest conservation bylaw officer James Rogers, this would open up transport of all firewood and of ash tree materials from regulated southern Ontario counties to as far north as the French River (Parry Sound and southern Nipissing counties).

It would also prevent transport of uninfested ash logs and of all firewood, which by nature involves mixed woods, to destinations beyond the expanded regulated area, Rogers told county council at its June 26 meeting.

The highly destructive Asian beetle was first discovered in Windsor in 2002, according to the CFIA. It has since been found in several other Ontario regions and in Quebec.

The agency advises the beetle is not a risk to human health, but it has already killed

millions of ash trees in Canada and the northeastern United States and poses a major economic threat to continental urban and forested areas.

The agency's regulation system is intended to slow the beetle's progress.

Current regulated Ontario areas include from Essex County north to Manitoulin Island and east to Durham Region, as well as Sault Ste. Marie, Frontenac, Leeds and Grenville, and Ottawa east to Prescott and Russell.

"The firewood is the big thing," said Rogers. "The beetle spreads so slowly on its own, at the most a few kilometres a year, and it's making these huge jumps. It's jumped to Northumberland [and] it's suspected to be in the City of Kawartha Lakes right now."

According to Rogers, currently the county has no confirmed cases, and ash trees make up only three to five per cent of the county's forest, but preventing and even just delaying ash tree loss is important given sensitive ecosystems.

He said the CFIA has cited lack of support from municipalities in unregulated areas as the reason for its decision, but the agency's consultation meeting was held during one of the worst snowstorms of the year and therefore was poorly attended.

"[Even] Algonquin Park was not aware of [the decision], so the message probably didn't get to the right people," Rogers told councillors. "Adjacent municipalities were also unaware."

As a result, Rogers wrote to the CFIA opposing the decision and recommending another option listed in an earlier CFIA report.

That option would establish a collaborative management zone in the currently unregulated counties included in the decision. The CFIA, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), municipalities and other partners would collaborate to continue regulating the beetle county by county, with monitoring activities transferred to municipalities and partners.

Rogers thanked council for supporting him in lobbying for the change, saying he's had "great response" from Muskoka, City of Kawartha Lakes and other surrounding municipalities, and discussions are now ongoing among municipalities, the CFIA and the MNR.

"This is probably one of the few times the CFIA will consider reversing their decision," said Rogers. "It's looking good."

Councillors discussed ways to inform residents of the change, including website

postings and tax bill notices. Rogers said he's also investigating several ways to get the message out quickly.

"Once we have it [the beetle], it's too late."

Rogers said a non-stinging wasp that attacks the beetle has been introduced as a biological control in several quarantined areas, but wasp populations must build up naturally over time.

An eco-friendly insecticide injection developed from the Indian neem tree is available, but depending upon tree size, the cost can range from \$100 to \$400 per injection and the effect lasts for only two years.

Tree removal costs in cities and towns can be as high as \$5,000 each for trees that overhang buildings.

"So really that's our only hope for the long term, is to have a bio-control," said Rogers. "[It] is worthwhile to slow the spread and allow the bio-control to catch up."

Treatment, removal and replacement costs for affected Canadian trees could reach \$2 billion over a 30-year period, according to the Canadian Forest Service.

Service researchers are studying the ecological impacts of ash tree mortality, including its effects on underlying vegetation, birds and aquatic organisms.

Bear-proofing Dorset parks

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Septic haulers are tired of sucking up trash from public toilets at the Dorset Lookout Tower and Dorset Parkette.

The haulers are complaining about the risk of damage to their pumping systems and higher hauling costs because people are disposing their garbage in the public toilets.

To address this, Algonquin Highlands parks, recreation and trails manager Mark Coleman has recommended the unbudgeted purchase of bear-proof garbage bins.

"[This] has always been known to be somewhat of an issue, but in the process of doing that project for the last couple of days, having them pumped, concerns were increasingly expressed by our septic haulers about the amount of garbage and the type of garbage that has found its way into those tanks," said Coleman. "It was getting borderline as to whether we would find a hauler that was willing to chance or risk pumping them out."

Coleman said the Dorset Parkette had garbage bins at one time that were removed "for good reasons – for maintenance purposes and wildlife problems with bears and so on."

"The general public does somewhat adopt the idea of keeping the park clean and tidy. However, there are those people that are still or increasingly putting their loose pop cans, plastic bottles and such in the tanks."

Coleman suggested using funds wherever savings could be realized in the tower and parkette budget, and that any balance come from the tower reserve fund if necessary.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said a recent accounts

review showed higher hauling expenses due to the "significant amount of time" spent on pulling out bags of garbage before pumping. However, she said despite the provincial bear-proof bins at Buttermilk Falls, visitors there still tend to dump garbage outside the bins.

She added reserves are intended for emergencies and she would prefer to see the cost formally budgeted next year.

Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels said she recognized the need but the township already faces unforeseen costs due to tree and road damages caused by April flooding.

"It's in the interest of cost avoidance if we're going to do something that helps contribute to the haulers being able to officially pump out these facilities without having to bill us extra time and effort," Ward 1 councillor Gord Henderson argued.

"I think it's something that we should try to accommodate in this year's budget because...the need's there now and it needs to get done," said Henderson. "I've had phone calls from people saying, 'Look, I can't use the facility there because I notice it's been stuffed full of garbage.' That's just not right."

Coleman recommended the bins used by the province locally. The cost of three bins for the two parks would be \$5,310 before taxes, including freight and shipping.

Chief administrative officer Angie Bird confirmed the township would need to obtain three quotes before approving a purchase.

The decision has been deferred to the July meeting which will also allow staff time to obtain two additional quotes.



Photo by Walt Griffin

Wintergreen becomes waterfront restaurant

On June 28, heavy rains caused flooding outside of the Wintergreen Pancake Barn, inspiring some patrons to leave their cars on land and paddle up for breakfast. The water has since receded.

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Highlander events

Kids and cops hit the water

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

About 100 kids took to Head Lake Park on July 3 for Bob Izumi's Kids, Cops & Canadian Tire Fishing Days.

Children from various Point In Time programs, as well as Wee Care and the

Ontario Early Years Centre, participated in the full morning of activities, which included fishing in Head Lake and boat rides with members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

The following organizations and individuals sponsored the event: Art Theberge, Haliburton Highlands

Outdoors Association, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, Haliburton Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fire Centre, Kinark Outdoor Centre, Minden MNR, Haliburton Highlands OPP, Outdoors Plus and Provincial Police Services.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Brandon Farrow casts his lure into Head Lake. Left: Rilynn McFadden-Bain prepares to fish in Head Lake. Right: Kids go for a boat ride with members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

Bands band together for flood relief

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

In yet another show of support for Minden flood victims, Donnie Walsh, founder and leader of the Downchild Blues Band, announced the band is making a financial contribution to the After The Flood concert, according to a press release.

Concert organizers announced the

donation on July 11, but the amount has not been released.

After The Flood is headlined by Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy and Greg Keelor, who are also donating their performances. Cuff The Duke and the Partland Brothers, G.P. and Chris, are opening the show.

Ticket sales for the concert have hit 1,000. There are still 600 tickets available for sale.

The concert will be held at the Kinmount Fairgrounds on Aug. 3. Tickets are \$45 and are available online at madeinhaliburton.ca. You can also buy them at The Photo Shop in Haliburton, Organic Times in Minden, Gateway Variety in Kinmount, Moondance in Peterborough, or Kent Bookstore in Lindsay.

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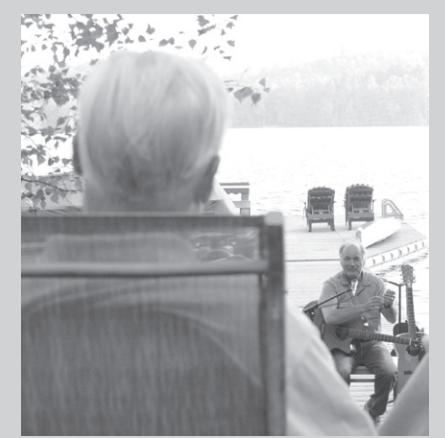
Kids enjoy fire hall BBQ

They've got the jaws and the spreader, now they just need the hydraulic ram to complete their set. On July 6, members of the Highlands East Fire Department Station 6 hosted a barbecue at Paudash Marina. They raised \$150 for training and equipment. The station needs to purchase a hydraulic ram and stabilizer bars. Their next fundraiser will be another barbecue during the Paudash Lake Association regata over the August long weekend. They are also collecting empty wine, beer and spirit bottles for their bottle drive. Above: Firefighter Adam Szelei cooks sausages and hamburgers on the grill. Left: Two young future firefighters try on some bunker gear at the barbecue.

By Mark Arike

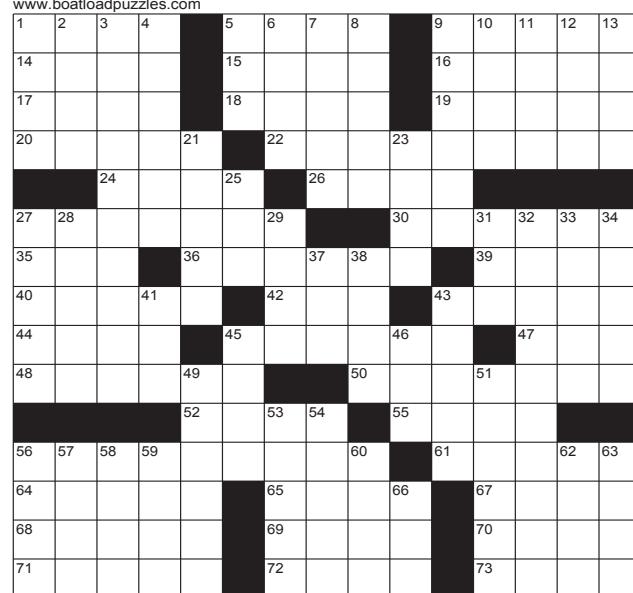
Lakeside concert raises funds for Arts Council

Canadian folk artist Ian Tamblyn returned to the Highlands on July 5 for a lakeside concert in support of the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands. The evening event, which was hosted by Janis Parker at her Kennisis Lake property, raised \$600. On Aug. 11, Parker will host another fundraiser concert featuring Thomas Kovacs. All proceeds will go to the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County (VDO). Pictured left: Ian Tamblyn plays the hammered dulcimer.



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- Roped
- Sailor
- Pub beverage
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- Thailand's neighbor
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- Milk type
- House annex
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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of **Andrew (Andy) Donald Hughes**

Born July 30th, 1961.

Passed away suddenly at Minden Hospital on Saturday, July 6, 2013. Beloved husband of Heather. Loving father of Emma. Dear son of Caryl (Ray) Miller of Peterborough, Donald James (Hilda) Hughes of the UK, son-in-law of Harold and Irene Peckham of Warminster. Brother of Rick (Frankie) and Peter (Marriam) all of the UK, Daniel (Tammy) Douglas of Minden, brother-in-law of Pam and Larry Hill, Melissa and Tom Crerar. Uncle to Colin, Donna, Lucy, Bella, Nina, Dustin, Kendyl, Ryan, Samuel and Josiah.

Andy was very much involved in local Ice Car Racing as well as being a member of the Minden Kinsmen Club.

A Gathering to Celebrate Andy's Life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636, Minden (Hwy. 35 N and County Rd 21) on Saturday, July 13, 2013 from 1:00 until 4:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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By Mark Arike

HATVA and Kin Club support Food for Kids

The Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) and Minden Kin Club have teamed up to donate \$2,000 to the Haliburton County Food for Kids program. The funds, which were donated to Aaron Walker, coordinator of the Food for Kids program, on July 10 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, were collected at the mud bog event at the Minden Kin Club Truck Pull and Show and Shine on June 15.

Pictured above: Aaron Walker, left, receives a \$2,000 cheque for the Food for Kids program from Karin Koch, member of the Minden Kin Club, and Bob Johnson, past president of the Haliburton ATV Association.

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Highlander food

The Abbey Gardens conundrum

The Abbey Gardens Food Hub officially opened recently; its ribbon cutting serenaded by a local band and graced by every politician for miles. There were tasty treats and thirst quenching tipples, tours of the gardens and demonstrations in the store. A wonderful time was had by all, and the hard work that has been poured into getting this new building at the gardens up and running was plain to see.

At the opening, founder John Patterson applauded the work so far and talked of the organization's road yet to travel. The revitalization of the entire 200-acre gravel pit on which the hub stands is the goal and its achievement will be quite a feat.

Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearray spoke of the importance of new local businesses opening within the county and warden Carol Moffatt highlighted the tourism potential of the new Hub. Everyone was excited at the event but still there are rumblings, an undercurrent of distrust aimed squarely at Abbey Gardens by certain quarters of the community. Why is this? What does the rise of Abbey Gardens really mean for Haliburton County?

Let's take farmers' markets, for example. On one hand, having such a high profile new purveyor of locally grown food should mean more exposure for the commodity,

which in turn should attract more people to get out there and buy local. The farmers' markets should then be pleased to see the Food Hub opening. However, there is also the rationale that a new kid on the block, especially such a big new kid, could draw visitors away from the markets, steal their business. If that is the case, then should the current crop of small, disparate farmers' markets get together and centralize to offer competition to the Food Hub? Or, maybe they could talk to the Food Hub and locate the market on Abbey Gardens' property, thus basking in the new kid's glory and benefitting from the draw of their new big friend?

Similarly, I have been privy to people bemoaning the fact that Abbey Gardens is selling chickens and turkeys. There have been envious eyes cast over the Gardens' pristine chicken coop and scornful mention of the cost of its construction.

"How can we

compete?" is the cry. It seems that Abbey Gardens is being charged with taking the meat from their plates, if you'll pardon the pun.

The thing is, Abbey Gardens recognized that it could be seen as a threat to smaller growers, and so it called many of them and asked if they would like to sell their produce in its shiny new store. The offer of a second outlet at minimal cost should sound like a good deal and some forward-thinking folks have jumped at the chance, but a fair few producers have shunned these advances, even taken offense. Why? Was it for fear of losing the market recognition that comes from farm gate sales? A fair point. Was it a fear of not being able to fill the shelves in the Food Hub, to keep a good supply of produce for this new and, heaven forbid, wildly popular new outlet?

I have heard the concerns of some of these producers but amidst the worry, and more than a little envy, they all tell of selling out of stock every year. They all have waiting lists each spring

and potential new customers going unlucky because everything is sold before it is even butchered: I know I've been one of them. But none of these producers seems to want to breed more stock and address the growing local need. So surely Abbey Gardens is simply filling a gap in the market?

And here is the crux of the conundrum. The rumblings of dissent about Abbey Gardens come from those in the community who are unwilling to accept change and try something new. They are scared of what they see but are not ready to come forward and talk to their new neighbour. After all, Abbey Gardens is a not-for-profit and its mandate is to 'partner with...', 'work together with...' local growers and businesses to create a vibrant market for local food in Haliburton County, to create food sustainability, and to bring people from near and far to see just what can be done with vision and foresight.

Abbey Gardens isn't going away and it isn't going to fail. The opening of the Food Hub is just the start of what founder John Patterson calls a local food revolution. And if local producers are willing to trust this big new kid, to open up and come to the table, they might find that they can work together with Abbey Gardens, or at least profit rather well from the excitement that surrounds it.

Food for Thought

By Will Jones



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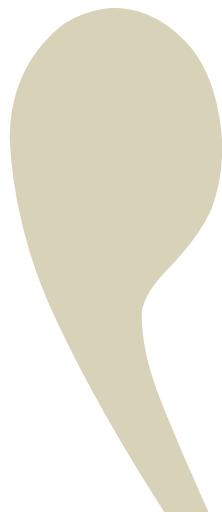
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The ComputerGuy Stop Facebook hacking

I'm seeing Facebook hacked more often. It's not an alarming increase, but you should be aware of and prepared for it. Much like e-mail, it's not that uncommon for someone, somewhere to gain access to a Facebook account and use it to post spam or worse.

Sometimes, the entire account is destroyed.

If you think that's happened to you, here's what you need to do.

Login to your Facebook account right away. If you can, consider yourself very lucky and change your password. If you can't login even though you know that you're using the correct password, then it's likely that the hacker has already changed your password.

Facebook includes several recovery options provided that you set them up beforehand. These may allow you to regain control of your account and reset your password.

If that recovery method doesn't work, perhaps because the hacker has also altered all of the recovery information that might be used, you don't recall the answers, or you never set up any recovery information in the first place, Facebook does have a couple of additional approaches to try.

"Get Help from Friends" is a technique where you tell Facebook the names of a few friends whom you're connected with on Facebook. Facebook then sends them recovery information, which you then collect from them and provide to Facebook to recover your account.

If you're unable to regain access to your account, you should report it to Facebook as being hacked by visiting this website: <http://www.facebook.com/hacked>. That will also provide additional steps to

attempt to regain access to your account.

Whether you regain access to your account or create a new one, you should use a strong password.

As always, make sure that it's a good password: easy to remember, difficult to guess, and long. In fact, the longer the better. Make sure your new password is at least 10 characters or more (ideally 12 or more).

Change the answer to your security question. The answer that you choose doesn't have to match the question (you might say that your mother's place of birth was "beavertail", for example). All that matters is that the answer that you give matches the answer that you set here if you ever need to recover your account.

Check the e-mail addresses associated with your Facebook account and remove any that you don't recognize or are no longer accessible to you.

Check the mobile phone number associated with the account. The hacker could have set their own.

The reality is that you and I are ultimately responsible for our own security. That means taking the time to learn and set things up securely.

Yes, additional security can be seen as an inconvenience. In my opinion, dealing with a hacked account is significantly more inconvenient. It's worth the trouble to do things right.

If that's still too much, well, expect your account to get hacked again.

Do you have questions or comments? E-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!



By David Spaxman

County Internet upgrades on track

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Internet network upgrades for Haliburton County are on budget and on track according to the June update from the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN).

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus project is designed to improve internet access through federal, provincial, municipal and private sector funding.

Bell Aliant is scheduled to lay 121 kilometres of new fibre optic cable in the county and a northern portion of Peterborough County to make service ranging from 1.5 to 10 megabytes per second available by the end of the summer.

EORN is working to arrange a public meeting for Haliburton County, possibly in July, according to county councillor Dave Burton, who is EORN chair and president.

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